

New Haven June 10<sup>th</sup> 1830.

Brother Phelps,

I returned to N. H. Tuesday, & received your letter yesterday at the hand of A. C. Baldwin. At your request I shall now give you a sort of epistolary Miscellany, or a sort of friccassee, made up of facts & circumstances chopped fine mixed up, spiced with nonsense, & stewed in ink.

Prof. W. S. Porter has returned fr. Cannonsburg, no more to return thither. He was rather dissatisfied with the College, says it is a small affair, & without discipline & good regulations. The officers are unwilling to adopt measures similar to those existing in the other N. England Colleges. They have appointed a Prof. for the Mathematical chair, fr. Philadelphia, a Minister. Porter is now here, & <sup>has</sup> taken up lodgings & ~~reside~~ at Mrs. Bradley's; & will probably have a fine opportunity to complete his courtship; & make out a solution for the nuptial knot problem. He says he does not like to preach, & that it makes him half sick &c. He probably will not preach any more, but will engage in the business of instruction somewhere, perhaps in some high school or college bye & bye. Brother Baldwin told me that he designed to send an affirmative answer to Berlin pres. to day. He designs spending the next months here & in North Haven, piling up sermons, & visiting his right foot, wh. he always happens to leave

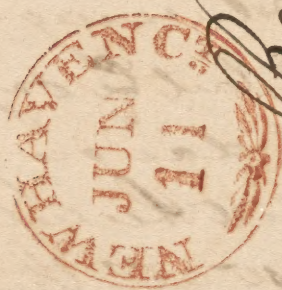
in North Haven when he comes fr. there. He doubtless designs  
in Sept - to go on foot to Berlin, alias, with his ~~tother~~ <sup>tother</sup>  
foot; for I understand & see - have pledged him  
12 cords of wood annually to warm his foot with.  
As for Brother Messinger, they say he has actually married  
& Ayer, & is soon to set sail with 4 propitious breezes of  
Miss Ayer for Illinois. May he love air & breathe air, & be  
favored with rising & fresh breezes as long as he lives; &  
May his air ever be calm & clear, attended with bright  
suns, & may he long live to enjoy his cheering & salubrious  
& life giving Ayer in the clime of Illinois. What will not  
peo. wed soon. Some are marrying feet, & others hands  
some hearts & others heads, some <sup>& some even</sup> ~~Blacks~~ <sup>Browns</sup> & others Whites.  
Some & air & some & waters, some Fishes & others Birds.  
Pray tell me what sort of animals & substances & colors  
you intend to connect yourself with. Methinks most  
of these Matrimonial objects are like it & article wh. &  
Skolastikos wed did, when he lashed himself to & anchor.  
They are very heavy things, burdens grievous to be borne,  
calculated to sink a fellow, & at least drown him in  
& ocean of worldly cares, & perhaps stick him down in the mud  
of debt. Brother Thos keeps thyself free. Herrick you probably  
know has gone on to Illinois as a member of & association.  
He has wisely gone out <sup>without</sup> wife or furniture, so th. he can be  
settled horseback, be all ready to start off at any time, ride  
& circuit if need be, &c, &c, always as free as the Mountain air.

Wickok & Glou are here, & design spending t summer here.  
Lee is in t vicinity, is supplying at North Haven, & is there  
now half sick! He still keeps up his occasional vigils at  
Dr Galen's. Dickenson has lately been heard fr. in t wilds of  
Canada. He had just mounted his pony, & was going  
forth to t highways & hedges & wildernesses, to search out  
& call home t lost sheep of Canada. Nichols I suppose  
is hastening on to t same field of labor. Grosvenor has gone  
to Pomfret. I was urged to go <sup>there</sup> just before leaving Williamantic  
but I not go for several seasons, & recommended  
Grosvenor, since I knew you & Baldwin were absent &  
I not go. Religion has run down there very much of late  
years, having had no revival. He wrote his brother lately  
groans amidst his labors on account of t apathy of t peo; there  
are however some indications of returning life. There is some  
seriousness among t impenitent, but he says there are so many  
old women around, there is great danger of their comforting  
anxious sinners to death. I trust he will enjoy a revival  
there. In regard to t sem. we trust all things work together  
for its good. The number <sup>of students</sup> is considerably increased this term.  
I <sup>think</sup> nearly a dozen have joined since I left for Williaman-  
tic, I don't yet know half of them. Smith & Bellows have  
reached here fr. Andover, safe, but how soured I know  
not. Horace Woodruff is now here diving into theology; you  
will know what a tearing fellow he is; you will probably  
hear t Hebrew & theological roots snap away in Hopkinton.  
He seems to be in good health & spirits. I called at Mrs  
Durrin's today, & lo! all your articles were gone; they had  
taken ship for Farmington. I shall probably not occupy my room  
half of t term, so th. you can occupy it as much as you please!

I attended + anniversary <sup>at N. York</sup> + spent + remainder of vacation in Farmington & Bristol. I resolved without any leave fr - head quarters ~~not~~ to go on to R. I said this vacation: for I had not made all + necessary preparation; & I was resolved not to continue in + business if I avoid it. My friends at home are quite opposed to it, + riding in + stage + find makes me half sick &c &c. So th. I have written to William stating my views, & what will be + result, I know not as yet. I hope however to be released fr. + wearing, trying, thankless, & pennyless service.

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Rev Amos Phelps  
Hopkinton  
Mass



As to Bristol, I hope will like rather than Northampton. This I am not used to giving. It is thought however that I shall be of great service in such a place. I have some friends who will be of great service. I have some friends who will be of great service. I have some friends who will be of great service.

Effort has been made to obtain some one to come to Hopkinton, & so step into the shoes. Lee told Baldwin a few days since th. he wd go to the town if needed. He has not been seen this week to ascertain whether he will come on to Hopkinton soon. He will probably be calling to come. Barnes however will state + certainly next week, & direct + letter to Hopkinton. If he can not come on immediately you can supply your pulpit by exchange till he can come. I have been applied to, to go to Bristol, Mass, towards + North East part of Worcester Co, a town th. I passed on my lab. sch. agency some time ago. It contains about 1500 inhabitants, has a small Baptist Socy, a few Universalists, & + rest are very moderate Calvinists. Their old minister who was a fence rider called himself a Baptist. I have never had a revival. The people will not have any kind of religion but must have one fr. the town. It is a flourishing town on + turnpike fr. Boston to Newbury. It is a village &c &c